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My Dear Mr. Redfield

I am delighted to hear that you are going with us on our Mountain journey.

I think very well indeed of Mr. May's suggestion. I have never been up the "Valley of Virginia" but Harper's Ferry is as you know very picturesque and is besides a good botanical station. We have been to the White Sulphur Springs - yet it would be pleasant to see it, even if botanical pursuits were not consulted. There are two excellent botanical localities between that point and the E. River Mt.

In our salt ponds. - one of the
higher elevations of that district with
a good road one and near the top
so that the splendid view therefrom is
easily accessible, and with a curiously
formed lake, near which grows *Panicum*
resanifolia & other rare plants; - and
New River White Sulphur Springs, about
8 miles from the Mt. when grows *Pa-*
chystium Canbyi, ^{*Sedum Noveboracense*} & other rare plants.

Without consulting a better map
than I have I cannot get at the
distance from the Springs across this
country to the R.R. but that can ea-
sily be found out hereafter. Hence
I suppose our route would be down
E. Tenn. R.R. to Wytheville and from
there as determined upon.

I should have said that the
rocks at the New River White are very
fine - worth some attention to see

I am on the way hastily but
will try to see you between now &
the 17th inst. which date is
approximate. I can get off.

Very truly
yours

J. M. [Signature]